

Cracklin' Static

May 2025 Edition



SIERRA NEVADA
Amateur Radio Society

SNARS BREAKFAST
MAY 3, 2025
See Page 3 for details!

SNARS NET on DMR – Tuesdays 8pm
DMR Talk Group: 31328 SNARS

SNARS Treasury Closing Balances

As of , 2025

Operating	\$2386
Convention	\$4100
Self Insurance	\$17012
Savings	\$4117
PayPal	\$1623
Total	\$29237

Net Income / Year	\$1177
Net Income / Month	\$475
Memberships	12

Donations	
PayPal Giving	\$0
Members	\$350
Total	\$350

Notes:

SNARS Membership as of 2025

Total	393	
Extra	137	35%
Technician	128	33%
General	115	29%
Advanced	11	3%
No License	6	1%
Silent Key	1	

SNARS members ARRL:	251	64%
Life members ARRL:	37	9%

SNARS ARRL Members 288 73%

Volunteer Examiners (VE's): 47 12%

PRESIDENT'S VOICE

SNARS PRESIDENT BARRY BETTMAN, K6ST



Hi Everyone,
Ham radio is running strong in the Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society!



This past Saturday, (April 20, 2025) we even had 11 scouts pass their technician license, plus we had a dozen additional other scouts over the past couple month too.

SNARS In-Person/Zoom Meeting

Jack's Coffee Shop #2

Saturday, May 3rd

REGISTER NOW!

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This month on **Saturday May 3, 2025** we will have the SNARS meeting at our favorite Jacks Coffee Shop #2 605 N Wells Ave, Reno and hybrid on zoom. 7AM Breakfast, 8AM SNARS Meeting. followed by the Presentation: "Go Boxes" with W7DBE Doug. Please register <https://snars.org/monthly-meeting/>

SNARS low-power EFHW/unun Hands-on Workshop

Low-power 40M EFHW (End Fed Half Wave) antenna construction, in-person Workshop (Saturday 5-17-2025 10:00a pdt for several hours in South Reno). All necessary materials provided. Antenna is very light weight and is very effective for portable operation. Participants will make their own antenna including the required UNUN. Parts Fee: \$30.00 Limited to 10 registration attendees, 6 registered so far, 4 available.

Register <https://forms.gle/UnnUZHqZqbjBVNMv5>



Reno Ham Swap - May 10, 2025 - Cabela's Reno

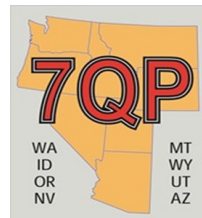
Join us as Sellers and Buyers

<https://snars.org/activities/renohamswap/>

See also the article on page 6 in this newsletter



**The 7QP is
THIS
SATURDAY,
May 3 and 4....
See article PG 5**



Last, K7BNV (SK) and SNARS former VP: Brian's XYL has his Ford F-250 diesel 4x4 truck (with radio gear in it) available for sale and would like it ideally to go to an interested ham. See details for more info and email brianv1170@gmail.com if interested.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u7DQN8qd4AuT3uzI_QYPoCeAhlhHONdA/view?usp=sharing



Hope to hear you on the air.

73, K6ST Barry k6st@arri.net
SNARS President



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SNARS Wide Area Linked System

147.030 + PL 123.0	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
147.210 + PL 100.0	Reno, Sparks	Online
147.150 + PL 123.0	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
146.925 - PL 123.0	Lovelock, Fallon	Online
146.670 - PL 123.0	Winnemucca	Not Linked
444.875 + PL 100.0	Yerington	Online
444.125 + PL 123.0	Reno Sparks (coming soon)	Online

DMR Systems

444.925 + CC 1	Reno, Sparks	Online
444.825 + CC 1	Dayton, Fallon, Carson	Online
443.925 + CC 1	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
443.950 + CC 1	Incline Village	Online
442.875 + CC 1	Sparks, Fernley, Fallon	Online
442.850 + CC 1	Downtown Reno	Online
441.950 + CC 1	Fallon, Fernley	Online

Fusion Systems

146.610—DGID 28	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
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IRLP / EchoLink Systems

147.300 + PL 123.0	Reno, Sparks	Not Linked
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Packet / APRS

145.050 - RNO	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
145.050 - ROSE	Lake Tahoe, Truckee, Carson	Online
144.390 - TOULON	Lovelock, Fallon	Offline

Standalone Systems

147.390 + PL 100.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
443.075 + PL 123.0	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online
927.0875 + PL 114.8	Reno, Carson, Dayton	Online

Online
 Offline
 Not Linked

Visit <https://snars.org/repeaters/analog> for additional updates/status on repeaters.

SNARS In-Person and Virtual Monthly Meeting

**SNARS Monthly Meeting
(hybrid in-person & virtual Zoom)
Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Jack's Café #2,
605 N. Wells Ave, Reno NV. Breakfast
In-Person 7 AM (breakfast), SNARS Meeting
at 8 AM both Zoom and in-person**

**PRESENTATION:
"GO BOXES" with
W7DBE Doug.**



**MEETING
NOTICE!**

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**To join in person or via Zoom, register here:
<https://snars.org/monthly-meeting/>**



Weekday on the SNARS Linked System

147.030 + PL 123 – Sparks/Fernley
147.150 + PL123.0 – Lake Tahoe / Truckee
147.210 + PL 100.0 - Reno
444.875 + PL 100.0 - Yerington
146.925 - 123.0 – Lovelock / Fallon
146.67 – PL 123.0 - Winnemucca

Monday through Friday @ 12:00pm

Open to all amateur radio operators. A general informational net for the amateur radio community of

Nets on the SNARS Linked Systems

147.210 + 100.0 | 147.030 + 123.0 | 147.150 + 123.0
147.670 – 123.0 | 146.925 – 123.0 | 444.875 + 100.0

SNARS Noon Net	Mon—Fri @ 12:00pm
ERC Net for NV and Northern CA	Monday @ 9:15pm
N. Western NV ARES Net	Thursday @ 7:30pm
Northern Nevada Preppers Net	Wednesday @ 8:00PM
Hospital Net	Friday @ 10:00AM

Nets on Simplex/HF

Jefferson Noon Net	7.204 LSB	Daily - 12:00pm
6 Meter Net	50.350 USB	Tuesday – 8:00pm
2 Meter Weak Signal	144.250 USB	Wednesday - 8:00PM
2 Meter Simplex Net	146.500 FM	Thursday – 8:00PM
10 Meter Net	28.350 USB	Sunday – 2:00PM

Join us on SNARS Telegram Channel

Visit <https://snars.org/telegram/>



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Our official channel for members to communicate with each other via chat, ask questions and get the latest information about the club, repeater status and amateur



SNARS Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays 8:00PM

SNARS Talk Group 31328

SNARS CALENDAR

SNARS Breakfast meeting May 3 (see details page 3)

QCWA Meeting Famous Daves, 4925 Kietzke Lane, Reno NV, Saturday, May 10, 11:00am – 1:00pm

SNARS Board Meeting Wednesday, May 14, 6:00PM. Location and mode Chin Chin, Sparks, and on Zoom. Click on this link: <https://snars.org/activities/meetings/>
The calendar is below the monthly meetings.

HAM RADIO ELMERING NIGHT on Zoom
7:00 PM Monday May 19, 2024 see <https://snars.org/hamradionight/>

Reno QRP Group Meeting Tuesday, May 20, 11am – 12pm, Jack's Coffee Shop #2, 605 N Wells Ave, Reno, NV. Contact Ed, WD7Y WD7Y@sbcglobal.net for more info. If cancellation is needed, will be announced on the SNARS noon net.

Next months SNARS Breakfast Meeting, June 7, 7 AM (Zoom 8 AM). Location and media mode tentative, depending on Board decision.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AS OF April 26, 2025

Richard	Bieniek	KM7AJK
Paul	Fischer	KF7BPG
Rick	Davenport	KO6IES
William	Barton	K7BGB
Ronald	Dennis	N7GXI

THE NAME OF THE GAME

Jim Shepherd W6US nvjims@gmail.com

7QP

The **7QP** is an amateur radio QSO party, held annually on the first Saturday in May. That's May 3 this year. The stations of the US 7th call area (Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) become "the pursued", and the rest of the US, Canada, and the world tries to work as many of us, on as many bands/modes as possible, over an 18-hour period commencing at 6:00am PDT (1300 UTC) and running to Midnight local time (0700 UTC). The idea is to work as many 7 stations by the rest of the world, and for those of us in the 7 call area to work as much of the rest of the world as you can. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters are the bands to use. There are 259 counties in the 7th call zone available to all.

This year, we are again going to have a QSO party of our own in October, and the 7QP will be an excellent opportunity to get some practice in before our big party!

Operate from home, mobile, or dust off the Field Day gear and get on the air from a rare county or a county line where you can operate from two or more counties at once and get extra points! There are 54 multi county locations in Nevada not counting the stateline locations with the other 7th area states. Please plan on making a few or a whole bunch of contacts, just be sure to mark May 3 on your calendar! Yes, that is the SNARS meeting date, but you can work the contest the rest of the day. We are trying to get all 17 Nevada counties on the air. Go portable and blow the carbon out of the generator or stay home and try out that new wire antenna. Or you can go mobile and activate several counties in your area. Visit the 7QP website: www.7qp.org for additional information and the full rules. May is a good time for an early camping trip out to some of the less populated rural counties. Humboldt, Mineral, Nye, Carson, Elko, Lincoln, and Eureka counties can really use some help with contacts. You can work these from county line locations along I-80 or other highways across the state, and make twice the contacts at once. The free campgrounds at Walker Lake will give you some spectacular views, wildflowers, bighorn sheep, and you can use the lake for a big "radial field" giving you an excellent signal to the east where you will make most of your contacts. Do not overlook the junctions of Nevada counties and other '7' states for interesting expedition operations.

Contacts can be made using SSB, CW, and Digital modes and each mode counts as a different contact. You can also contact the same station on different bands for credit. You can use 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters... CW and digital contacts will be highly appreciated as the CW count 3 points and the digital modes count 4 points... PSK31 and RTTY will be the best way to go to get those extra QSO points, sorry you can't use the WSJT-X modes. All the counties in Nevada can use more CW and Digital operations for this contest. The more stations active in each county on different modes will make a better contest for everyone. Don't worry if you see someone else has signed up for a county, all of our counties are big enough for lots of operations!

Countyline expedition operations are especially welcomed! With a good antenna, you will have the opportunity to make tons of contacts. There are 35 spots where 3 counties come together, with most having roads within 500'. Others will require some hiking and would

be best for QRP operation like you would do for SOTA. Incidentally, if you are at a location that qualifies for SOTA or POTA, you can give that information at the same time to get an activation! If you are interested in setting up a countyline operation, please contact me as I have a list of really good spots! For example, there is a little hill that a road crosses that combines two low activity counties that will make a good weekend stay with the possibility of finding some petrified wood samples. If you plan to participate, even for a little while, do two things. First, you can see the activity on the Planned Operations tab on the 7QP page. Then, send your projected operation location(s) to 7qpops@codxc.org giving them information on modes and if you will be a mobile (rover) station. That way they can track the counties that will be covered and we can try to find someone to go out to the counties that are not. Even if the county is covered, digital and CW operators are really encouraged to also go out there... Second, email them a copy of your log when you are finished. Either Cabrillo (preferred) or ADIF format will work. Even better, use their new web entry site at <https://7qp.contesting.com/> Your log helps them score the contest and automatically enters you – no summary sheet required for email or web entries. See their webpage for more information on uploading your log. You will need to send in your log by May 14.

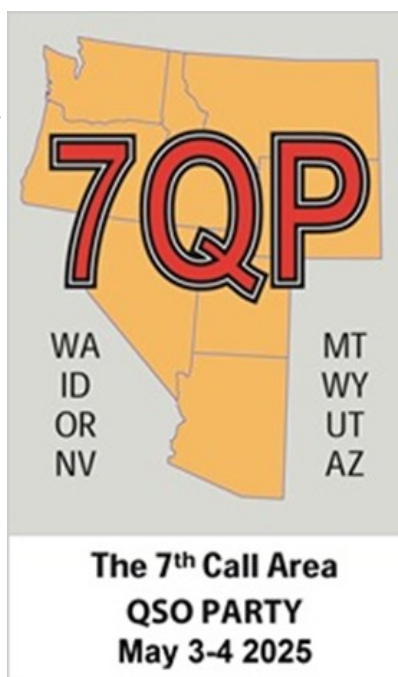
The exchange is easy... Just give a '59' signal report and if you are operating in the 7 call zone, your county code. For Washoe, it is NVWAS, for Storey, it is NVSTO... If you are outside of the 7 call zone, you give a '59' signal report and your 2 digit state abbreviation. There are special rules for county line stations, and you may get a report from one of the eastern states that are also having a QSO party. Be sure to give the 5 digit county abbreviation, i.e. NVCAR, and give it phonetically on phone. Also be sure to give your callsign with each exchange, especially if you are running. See the complete rules on their website for more information and a full list of county abbreviations. For a countyline station your report would be like "59 NVHUM/ELK" and phonetically that would be "59 November Victor Hotel Uniform Mike SLASH Echo Lima Kilo"

There are a couple of other QSO parties that weekend so there is a lot of activity. The N1MM Logger will handle all of the contests at the same time so you only have to send copies of your Cabrillo log to each of the different sponsors. New England, Indiana and Delaware are currently the other states—be sure to check their rules if you intend to play with them. Also, be sure to update your copy of N1MM so that it has the latest version. There are ways to log all 4 contests correctly since there will be lots of activity on the bands.

form Mike SLASH Echo Lima Kilo"

In October, we will have the Nevada QSO party and we will need veteran operators in all the counties and on all of the modes. We will have a special VHF class that will allow the use of repeaters which will get a lot more people involved. Check out our website at <http://nvqso.com/> and look for updates over the coming months.

Nevada is a semi-rare state and some of the counties are very hard to work. These two contests will help to fill some holes in the logbooks. A good turnout for the 7QP will help with increased participation for our NVQSO Party and will show the world that we actually have active hams here in Nevada!





Reno Ham Swap - May 10, 2025 - Cabela's



[Swap Space Registration](#)

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DIRECTIONS FROM CALIFORNIA

Take Exit 4 from I-80. Turn Left at the top of the ramp and follow the road around to Cabela's located on the left. We will be in the north eastern parking lot.

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Take Exit 4 from I-80. Turn Right at the off ramp and follow the road around to Cabela's located on the left. We will be in the north eastern parking lot.

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SNARS VOLUNTEERING

Thanks to all the SNARS members who are the SOTA (summits on the air) and POTA (parks on the air) hams who help each other out.



Join the conversation on SNARS SOTA/POTA telegram chat

<https://snars.org/telegram>

Please feel free to reach out to me to see how you might be of service to the club in 2025! With great appreciation,

K6ST Barry SNARS President k6st@arri.net

73, Barry K6ST
President, Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society
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SHORT TAKES (By Jim Shepherd W6US)

CONTEST CALENDAR

There are 6 QSO parties this month—7QP, IN, DE, New England, Canadian Prairies, and AR... The first weekend will be the busiest with 16 different states combined into 4 contests. These will be good ones for technician operators to get on 10 meters and have some fun. The CQ WW WPX CW Contest will be on May 24-25. These and other contest information can be found at:

<https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.php>

DX

Lots of expeditions this month with the big DX operations in places like Isle of Man, Guernsey, Palau, Kosovo, and El Salvador. More information can be found at <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

THIRD MONDAY ZOOM HAM RADIO NIGHT

We will have our popular Ham Radio Elmering Nights via ZOOM to get your questions answered. It will be held at 7pm on Monday, 19 May. More information, including the link will be published before that date.

HAMFESTS/EVENTS

Las Vegas-- On the first Saturday of every month, the local "HAMS" gather at the parking lot, the PETERSON CENTER 6455 Dean Martin Drive. The swap meet is a non-sponsored event. It is held rain or shine and on holidays. There is no charge to set up and sell at this gathering. Selling begins at sunrise and typically runs 2-3 hours, depending on the amount of items and buyers present.

SNARS Ham Swap is coming up on Saturday, May 10 at Cabala's parking lot in Verdi. Time to dig out all those unused radio items that are cluttering up your shack and take it there to sell so you can buy more cool things to play with...

SEATAC Northwest Division Convention Start Date: 05/30/2025 End Date: 06/01/2025 Location: Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave. Seaside, OR 97138 Website: <http://www.seapac.org> Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC and Clark County ARC Talk-In: 145.45 (PL 118.8), 145.49 (PL 118.8), and 146.52 simplex Public Contact: Wayne Schuler, AI9Q, PO Box 5471 Beaverton, OR 97006 Phone: 503-882-7388 Email: info@seapac.org

NAME THAT RIG?

(Answer on page 15)



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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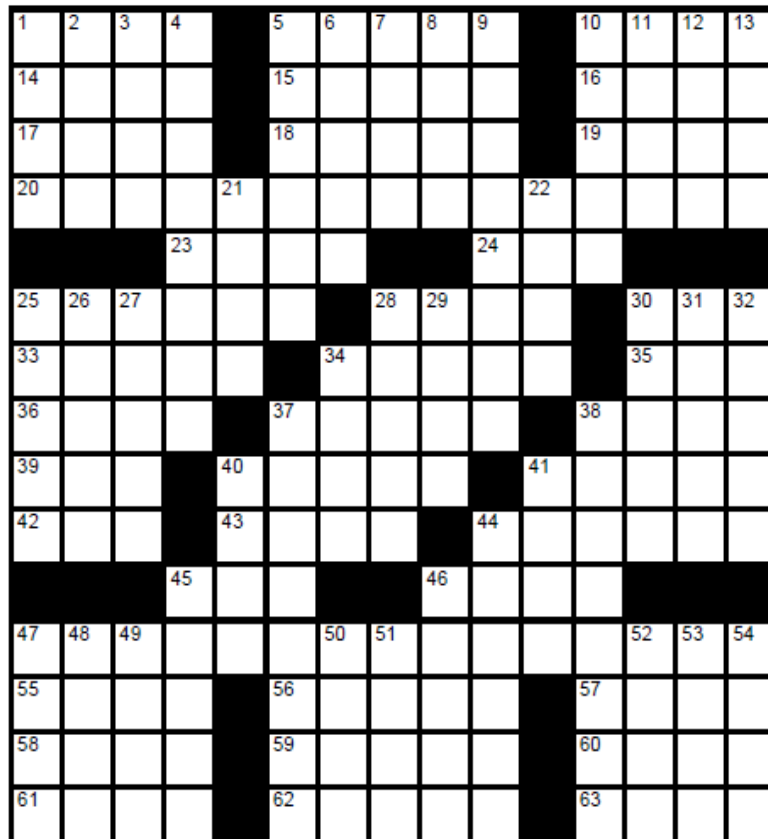
by Chris Codella, W2PA

3/10/2008

CQ Contest

Across

1. Radiation pattern part
5. Contest off-time ender, possibly
10. The "Olympics" of contests
14. IOTA item
15. Unusual object
16. "Long ____" (DX)
17. VE8 mobile?
18. Hammerin' Hank
19. 1091 using 44-across
20. An advantage of being weak?
23. In early radio, some rotated and some didn't
24. Foot part
25. Wayward circuit paths
28. Knight neighbor
30. 3W holiday
33. QTH on the range
34. 160 meter Stew
35. The one with QTC
36. Sheltered, when /MM
37. They don't count, and may count against you
38. CW parts
39. Plating material
40. Typewriters (in ham speak)
41. Military cap
42. The only CW many people know
43. One way to stand by
44. Abbreviated figs. (abbr.)
45. AMSAT launch partner
46. Currency used by 45-across, mostly
47. Predatory contesting?
55. EI-land, in EI-speak
56. VQ9 first name
57. They make the 45, sometimes for big guns
58. Western competing org.
59. 3:1 dash to dot ratio, say
60. "Yikes!"



61. Biblical verb
62. Prefix with -cotta
63. Xtal filter replacements

Down

1. Daffy Duck's programming language?
2. LA city
3. A fuse maybe did this
4. Many hams also have one
5. Bidirectional flow
6. KH6-fests
7. June VHF QSO Party sponsor
8. Funny one
9. Non-op hams at 10-across stations
10. Large cetacean
11. Suffix with glitte- or lite-
12. Twiddle the big knob

13. Yaesu front panel marking
21. Contesters try to maximize it
22. 21-down, for a first-time contest?
25. Test results figs.
26. Prefix with centric or sphere
27. A band sometimes does it at dawn
28. CQ answer
29. Valuable minerals
30. Region net for NNJ and others
31. Gourmand
32. NAQP, CQWW and others, briefly
34. Push-____
37. Response to a contest exchange, say

38. Took an alternate route
40. Catchall abbr.
41. QSL handler, slangily
44. Vaulted roof
45. Construct, as a tower
46. "Nevermore" quote quoter, informally
47. Transmit
48. Kit maker, once
49. Ominous noises from the amp, maybe
50. Assistant
51. At no time, poetically
52. Holiday drinks
53. OM in G-land
54. High V points on a dipole

SOLUTION PG 12

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT



Eleven more scouts just passed their technician class license this past Saturday 4-26-2025, so they should be on the air very soon. How fantastic that scouting and ham radio are coming together in the great Reno area, with about 22 scouts now licensed and 9 adult scout leaders. Thanks to everyone who has supported this great effort in the SNARS and Washoe Ares communities.

Barry K6ST
President, Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society (www.snars.org)

Nevada Section Youth Coordinator

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3rd Monday of each month at 7PM PT on Zoom



HAM RADIO ELMERING NIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 19, AT 7:00 PM PST ON ZOOM

TOPIC BREAKOUT ROOMS

Special Topic (TBA), VHF/UHF Analog, DMR/Fusion/Dstar

REGISTER HERE:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0ldO-orz8uHNDRXnL1Rl6LiMqJQ_E5opjG



ARES NEWS

EVENT CALENDAR



EVENTS FOR 2025	DATE	DATE END	SPONSOR/ ORGANIZER	COORDINATOR	CONTACT
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	2/15/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Get SCOUTS ON THE AIR One Day Ham Review	2/22/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Reno Off-Road & Motorsports Expo	3/28/2025	3/30/2025	Washoe ARES	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	4/19/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Get Scouts on the Air. One day Ham Review	4/26/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Stetina Paydirt	5/17/2025		Bike Monkey	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Reno Tahoe Odyssey Relay Run- Date Changed.	5/31/2025	6/1/2025	Sponsor by Reno Running Co.	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride	6/1/2025		Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn	Paul Gulbro, WA6EWV	wa6ewv@juno.com
Silver State 50/50 race	6/7/2025 updated		Silver State Striders	Steve KS6A	ks6a@sbcglobal.net
Pony Express Re-Ride	6/11/2025	6/21/2025	SIERA	Gerry Miller KJ7GEZ	hamspud35@gmail.com
Lost and Found Gravel Grinder SBTS	6/12/2025	6/15/2025		Larry Trotter KI6YUK	dltrotter@sbcglobal.net
NASTR 75/50/30 Horse Endurance	6/14/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	6/21/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Truckee Tahoe Gravel Race	6/28/2025		Bike Monkey	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Alta Alpina Challenge	6/28/2025		Alta Alpina Cycling Club	Jennie Hamiter, KE7YBA	jenniehamiter@mac.com
Death Ride	7/12/2025		Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn	Paul Gulbro, WA6EWV	wa6ewv@juno.com
TAHOE 200 Endurance Run	7/13/2025	7/17/2025	Destination Trail Run	Todd Voigts KJ6DGG	kj6dgg@gmail.com
Tahoe Rim Trail This event has been canceled for 2025 due to con-	7/19/2025	7/20/2025	Tahoe Mountain Milers	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Lost Sierra Endurance Race	7/25/2025		Bad Luck Run Club	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Tahoe Rim Ride 50-Horse Endurance This event has been canceled for 2025 due to construction in the area.	7/26/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Vegas to Reno Off Road Race	TBD	TBD	Best in the Desert Racing Assn	Keith KC7HTK	kc7htkeith@hotmail.com
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	8/16/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Virginia City 100-Horse Endurance	9/20/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc.	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
Red Rock Rumble Horse Endurance, New Event	10/18/2025		Nevada All-State Trail Riders, Inc.	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	10/18/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Nevada Day Parade	11/1/2025		NV AREA NW DEC	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com
Scheels Turkey Trot	11/27/2025		WC-ARES	Arlan Robinson, KA7ZAU	ka7zau@washoeares.org
One Day Ham Review for Technician & General question pool exam.	12/13/2025		Washoe ARES	John Phillips KL7RI	phillips@yahoo.com

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WASHOE COUNTY ARES NEWS

April was slow but fun for WC-ARES. We had the opportunity to work together again with a group of Scouts. The Ham Review Team put together another fantastic review for them. We now have a total of 13 new Hams from April review and testing. There are 10 Scouts who passed their technician licenses in February and they are now on the air. We have succeeded to have 23 Scouts with their license. Congratulations to all of them.

I would like to announce a special thank you to the Ham Review Team for their dedication and time to volunteer to help get the younger generation on the air. Thank you John Phillips, David Richards, Darrell Upson, Richard Smith, David Barnard and Shawn Tayler.

I also would like to give a shout out to the Volunteer Examiners Team. Thank you for all your volunteering hours and your dedication to help the community gain more Amateur Radio Operators. Thank you Krystal Nelson, Bob Nelson, Steve Johnson, John Byerly, Kirk Jeffrey, Daniel Hults, Daniel Schmierer, Lawrence Vosper, David Johnson, Barry Bettman, Richard Foreman, Bill Jones, David Barnard

Northern Nevada Public Health in partnership with WC-ARES, local hospitals, healthcare, first responders, utilities, communications, etc. Will be conducting a full scale exercise to test local response capabilities after a significant earthquake in Washoe County. The exercises will build on discussions from the workshop and focus on impacts 24+ hours after the Earthquake. These exercises are scheduled for May 14th and/or May 20th from 8am-1pm. The same exercise will be conducted twice on two separate days to allow for adjusting and improving response. ARES Members will be exercising digital and analog communications. We will deploy at certain locations and have the Ham Radio equipment in some of the Hospital's activated. This will be to practice using equipment and sending or receiving information or messages. Also we will have team members at the REOC and ECOMM 1 communication truck.

Our next outdoor public communication event is on May 17, 2025. It will be Stetina's Paydirt. This will be located in Carson City and sponsored by Bike Monkey. We are looking for volunteers to help with all of our 2025 events. Remember you don't have to be an ARES Member to help with events. We received a lot of help from SNARS members and other Volunteers last year. Thank you to all that supported us and SNARS for the use of the repeaters on some events.

Exciting news to announce. Our ECOMM 2 communication trailer has been pulled from out of service status. It's currently under construction. The entire trailer will have a new look on the inside and out. This will be another communication unit that can be deployed when needed. Ralph Lucas (W6RWL) and his wife have volunteered to do a lot of the work and to help us get this unit in service. If you are currently interested in seeing what it did look like. You can go to our website, www.washoeares.org then click on the Photo Gallery tab, then select ECOMM 2. We will try to get some photos of it being under construction. When it's completed we will definitely have complete pictures to share. Some ARES members have been donating supplies and or financial help to make this happen. Thank you to all that have supported this project.

The Northern NV Medical Center Repeater 147.120 (+) PL Tone123 for the Reno /Sparks area will be activated soon. We are hoping for May or June. It has been out of service. Shawn N7LQ has volunteered to work on the repeater and tune the new duplexers for it. The 440 repeater that is also at Northern Nevada Medical Center 444.350 (+) PL Tone 123 will also be back in service and on the air soon. John KL7RI had to put a new connector on the hardline and a replacement antenna will be done by Larry KF7NJL. We had an issue with our portable repeater that is in ECOMM 1 and Shawn has made the repairs to put that back in service.

I would like to welcome our new ARES Members Marcia Wilmes (Marti - KK7ZJP) and William Finley (Bill - N7JTJ)

If you would like to obtain a list of events. You can by going to www.washoeares.org click on the tab of Events. There you will see a month-by-month description of events. If you would like to download and print a quick version of events including the events from other ARES groups or other clubs. That is available on the same page at the top.

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FUN STUFF FOR APRIL

May offers 6 QSO parties, including our very own 7QP (shown in BOLD), plus the Canadian Prairies QSO Party on 10 May, plus the CQ WW WPX CW contest on 24 May, and the NAQCC sprint on 22 May. Have a ball!

3 May 1300 to 4 May 0700 1.8-28 7th Call Area QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.7qp.org

3 May 1500 TO 4 May 0300 1.8-28 Indiana QSO Party CW Ph www.hdxcc.org

3 May 1700 to 4 May 2359 1.8-28,VHF Delaware QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.fsarc.org

3 May 2000 to May 4 2359 3.5-28 New England QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.neqp.org/rules

10 May 1700 to May 11 0300 7,14,21,28 Canadian Prairies QSO Party CW Ph www.cpgp.ve6hams.ca

12 May 1900 to 12 May 2030 3.5 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB Ph www.rsgbcc.org

17 May 1200 to May 18 1200 1.8-28 His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW www.concursos.ure.es

17 May 1400 to 18 May 0200 1.8-28,50,144 Arkansas QSO Party CW Ph Dig www.arkqp.com

22 May 0030 to 22 May 0230 3.5-14 NAQCC CW Sprint CW www.naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html

24 May 0000 to 25 May 2359 1.8-28 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW <https://www.cqwp.com/rules/>

29 May 1900 to 29 May 2030 3.5 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW www.rsgbcc.org

If you want to see the full list, go [HERE](#)

DX FOR THIS MONTH

This month's DX offers some of the finest, from near Antarctica, to near the North Pole, Africa, the British Isles, the Pacific, and much in between.

Apr 19 to May 02	Gambia	C5
Apr 21 to May 06	Prince Edward & Marion Is	ZS8W
Apr 22 to May01	Tanzania	5H1KB
Apr 26 to May05	Ogasawara	JD1BPG
May 04 to May26	Cape Verde Is	D4
May 07 to May14	Guernsey	GU6EFW
May 09 to May11	Guernsey	GU80LIB
May 22 to May27	Aland Is	OH0ERF
May 22 to Jun01	Palau	T8
May 26 to Jun08	French Polynesia	TX5U
May 27 to Jun02	Niue	E6RS

You might check with: <https://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html> to see more DX, or if others have been cancelled or added to the list.

RENO QRP SLOW SPEED CW NET

NEXT NET SESSIONS WILL BE on May 1, May 15, and May 29, at 10AM Pacific DAYLIGHT Time. Note time change! As always, check

with WD7Y@sbcglobal.net to confirm times. Target frequency 7.045 MHz, if busy search somewhere near that frequency.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALWAYS BE IN YOUR REPORT:

NAME ,RST, LOCATION, RIG, POWER, ANTENNA.

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE RST IN YOUR REPORT

Feel free to add something else in your exchange.

Take some time to report RST for other OP's or anything else that comes to mind.

Sharing information about you and your equipment will accomplish two things.

First It gives you and everybody else practice sending and copying.

Second It is nice to spend time on the air with your friends. Consider this a QRP meeting on the air.

Relax and have some airtime fun with your friends.

73/72 Ed/WD7Y

NAME THAT RIG (From page 6)

This is a fairly new radio from Yaesu, the **FTDX-101MP** that is so popular these days. The radio has myriad features, among them transmit on 10-to 160 including WARC bands, 6 meters, receive from 0.03 to 75Mhz, 200 watts all bands, (50W in AM), and so very much more! It sold in 2021 for some \$5250. All kinds of filtering, selectivity and sensitivity to beat the band, voice memory, CW memory, twin VFOs, SDR, you name it, it has it.

SNARS SILENT KEYS

IN MEMORY OF SNARS MEMBERS WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.

If you know of a SNARS member or friend of SNARS who has passed away recently, submit it to me WB2AWQ@arrl.net or any Board member for verification and inclusion on this page.

K7LWL Thomas R "Tommy" Molnar Carson City NV Apr 10, 2025

W7GK David L "Dave" Hough Spring Creek NV Apr 10, 2025

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